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Amendment No. 1 to HB3009

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 3081

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By deleting all of the language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(g), is amended by deleting subdivision (1) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(g)(1) Notwithstanding the provisions of § 55-9-603, any person transporting a child four (4) years of age and up to, and through, fifteen (15) years of age in a passenger motor vehicle upon a road, street, or highway of Tennessee is responsible for the protection of the child and properly using a child or other passenger restraint system, including safety belts, meeting federal motor vehicle safety standards for all children occupying any seat within a passenger motor vehicle as defined in this part.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-602(g)(5), is amended by deleting the language "through twelve (12) years of age" and by substituting instead the language "through fifteen (15) years of age".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-9-603, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

()(1) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the contrary, no person between sixteen (16) years of age and up to and through the age of seventeen (17) years of age, shall operate a passenger motor vehicle, or be a passenger therein, unless such person is restrained by a safety belt at all time the vehicle is in forward motion.

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (b)(1), the provisions of this subsection shall apply to all occupants between sixteen (16) years of age and eighteen (18) years of age occupying any seat in a passenger motor vehicle.

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(3) Notwithstanding subsection (f)(1), a law enforcement officer observing a violation of this subsection shall issue a citation to the violator, but shall not arrest or take into custody any person solely for a violation of this subsection.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000, the public welfare requiring it.